

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03 September 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-17 renumbered as 1-6, 7-13, 15, 11, 14, 16 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 September 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The instant application discloses a digital signal receiver comprising: an input terminal for receiving an input signal with digitally-modulated; at least two variable gain amplifiers coupled in series to said input terminal for controlling the level of the input signal; an analog-to-digital (A/D) converter for receiving an output of said variable gain amplifier; a level comparator coupled to an output of said A/D converter for comparing a level of the output of said A/D converter and a reference level; a loop filter coupled to said level comparator; and a control voltage generator for generating control voltages for controlling said variable gain amplifiers based on an output of said loop filter. Prior art references show similar methods but fail to teach: **“wherein an operation-starting point of any said variable gain amplifier is shifted using the control voltages when a level fluctuation response speed of any of said variable gain amplifiers is lower than a reference level”, as in claim 1; “the operation-starting point is shifted based on an average of the control voltage for said any of said variable gain amplifiers and a fluctuation frequency of the control voltage for said any of said variable gain amplifier”, as in claim 4; “the operation-starting point is shifted based on an average of the control voltage for said any of said variable gain amplifier and a level fluctuation amplitude of the input signal”, as in claim 5; “the operation-starting point is shifted based on the control voltage for said any of said variable gain amplifier and an electric power ratio of an adjacent channel and a desired channel”, as in claim 6; “the bandwidth is controlled based on average**

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values of the control voltages and fluctuation frequencies of the control voltages”, as in claim 8; “wherein the bandwidth is controlled based on average values of the control voltages and a level fluctuation amplitude of the input signal”, as in claim 9; “a ghost detector coupled to an output of said demodulator for detecting a delay time of ghost, comprising: a delay unit for delaying the output of said demodulator, a ghost calculator for calculating the delay time and an energy of ghost, a coefficient unit, and an averaging unit for calculating a coefficient of said coefficient unit, wherein a number of times of averaging at said averaging unit is controlled based on the delay time”, as in claim 10; “wherein an operation starting point of said variable gain amplifier is shifted based on the delay time”, as in claim 11; “wherein a bandwidth of said loop filter is controlled based on the delay time”, as in claim 12; “wherein an operation-starting point of said variable gain amplifier is shifted based on the CN ratio”, as in claim 13; “wherein a bandwidth of said loop filter is controlled based on the CN ratio”, as in claim 14.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cicely Ware whose telephone number is 571-272-3047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone numbers

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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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